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In re Application of
Per Ehrenreich Nygaard, et al.
Application No. 10/672,520
Filed: September 25, 2003
Attorney Docket No.: 1175/71019

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed September 22, 2010, to revive the above-identified application under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The petition is GRANTED.

The two-month period for filing an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37 (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)), runs from the date of this decision.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of March 1, 2010. This decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(A)(2). On September 22, 2010 the present petition was filed.

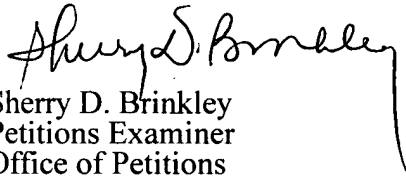
The petition is not signed by a registered attorney or agent or record. However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature of Richard F. Jaworski appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party on whose behalf he acts.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Notice of Appeal and appeal fee of \$540; (2) the petition fee of \$1,620; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay¹.

¹ 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. While the statement is not made by an attorney of record, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3767 to await the filing of an appeal brief or for such other appropriate reply as may be submitted to continue prosecution of the application.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Inquiries relating to further prosecution should be directed to the Technology Center.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherry D. Brinkley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping vertical line extending downwards from the end of the name.

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